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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 740 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).
- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 870.

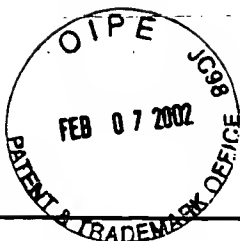
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| RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS | Attorney Docket No. | 1408.1005 |
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| | Filing Date | November 30, 2001 |
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| | Group Art Unit | 3652 |

Title: POD COVER REMOVING-INSTALLING APPARATUS

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f) and in response to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application mailed December 17, 2001 for the above-identified application, enclosed are the following:

- ☒ RETURN COPY of Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application
- ☒ Executed Combined Declaration/Power of Attorney executed by the inventor for completing the missing parts of the subject application. The undersigned registered attorney states that the subject application is the application which the inventor executed by signing the attached Declaration.
- ☐ Formal Drawings (___ Sheets; Figs ____)
- ☐ English-language translation of application (with Translator's Statement (pages ___))
- ☐ Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status

Enclosed is a payment of the following:

- ☒ The filing fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(a) \$ 740.00
- ☐ The additional claim(s) fee (claims over 20) \$
- ☐ The additional independent claim(s) fee (claims over 3) \$
- ☐ Multiple dependent claims \$
- ☐ Petition for Extension of Time (___-month) \$
- ☐ English language translation fee \$
- ☒ Surcharge as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(e) \$130.00
- SUBTOTAL FEES:** \$870.00
- ☐ Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (37 CFR 1.27) .00
- SUBTOTAL FEES:** \$870.00
- TOTAL FEES DUE:** \$870.00